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Title: Need to provide financial package for revival of Brahmavara Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd. in Udupi district, Karnataka.

SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI): Sir, the ongoing recession in the sugar industry, has taken in its sweep many cooperative sugar mills functioning in Karnataka. One such sugar producing unit is the Brahmavara Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd., Brahmavara in Udupi District.

The Brahmavara Sugar Factory is beset with many problems. Facing funds crunch, unable to pay its workers for months together. It has also to clear the arrears in payment for sugarcane deliveries made by the farmers. Bigger sugar mills are in a slightly better position as they have bye-product lines like molasses derived IMFL production facilities and economy in operation through mass volume handling. It rests on the Centre to bail out small cooperative sugar units through a rehabilitation package financed out of sugar cess accummulations in its kitty.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Centre to come all out in addressing the problems faced by Brahmavara Sugar Factory by providing a turn-around package so that it can face the coming crushing season.